

District Honor Chorus Information 2017-2018

Stallings Island Middle School

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District Honor Chorus is an annual GMEA-sponsored event for auditioned 7th and 8th grade chorus students. The event will be held Monday, January 29, at Abilene Baptist Church in Martinez, GA. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to perform together and get to know other students across our district! Acceptance is a huge privilege. Please make note of the following information. All dates, fees, and requirements are non-negotiable.

Monday, October 23 Audition Sign-Up SIMS

\$5 is due at this time. Interested students should complete the following application. Return application to Ms. Nordan by the end of the school day.

Thursday, November 2 District Audition (required!) SIMS Chorus Room

Audition lasts approximately 10 minutes. Times will be assigned the week of October 30. Event ranges from 3:00pm to approximately 6:00pm, but students are not required to stay the whole time. Students should arrive 15 minutes prior to their scheduled audition time. Report to the Chorus Room to sign in. Students are free to leave after their audition is over. Audition involves singing the following:

1. Memorized solo – We will learn in class
2. Scales – Major, Natural Minor, Chromatic
3. Two sight-reading examples – Major & Minor

Students will be notified of their results by Ms. Nordan no later than Sunday, November 5.

Thursday, November 9 Fees for Event Due SIMS

\$35. Students should bring a check for \$35, made to SIMS, to Ms. Nordan by the end of the day. Please write student's name and "District Honor Choir" in the memo line. We will practice as a group during the 2nd 9-weeks during AO.

Monday, January 29 District Honor Choir Abilene Baptist Church

Detailed information will be given to students who are invited to attend.

District Honor Choir Practice Sessions – Held during AO period during 1st 9-weeks.

Waiver of Rights with Regard to Video Recordings of Concerts (from GMEA website)

DVD recordings of GMEA All State concerts will be produced and made available to those wishing to purchase them by SoundAround Audio Recordings LLC. These recordings will include close-up images of some students. All students accepted must have their parents or legal guardians agree to hold Georgia Music Educators Association and SoundAround Audio Recordings LLC harmless against any and all consequences pertaining to their child as a result of such recording and the sale, distribution and/or broadcast thereof. Parents and students also forfeit any intellectual property rights pertaining to the use of the student's visual image as a part of such recording and assign those intellectual property rights to the Georgia Music Educators Association and/or SoundAround Audio Recordings LLC.

District Honor Chorus Application

Due to Ms. Nordan by October 23, 2017

To sign up for the District Audition on November 2, please return the attached form and \$5 to Ms. Nordan by **Monday, October 23, 2017**. No money is due until student is accepted.

Student name: _____ Grade in School: _____

Voice Part (circle): S1 S2 A T B Height: _____

8th Grade Women ONLY:

I would prefer to be in: ___ Women's Chorus ___ Mixed Chorus ___ No preference

Phone number(s): _____ Student email: _____

Parent name: _____ Parent email: _____

Phone number(s): _____ Parent email: _____

Emergency Contact (other than parent) _____ Phone Number _____

Please initial by each statement.

_____ I will pick up my child/children from auditions no later than 5:00pm on November 2.

_____ I understand that an audition is a requirement for my child if he/she wishes to participate in District Honor Choir.

_____ If selected, I commit to learning all my music with provided rehearsal tracks. I also plan to attend rehearsals during AO. If I cannot uphold my commitment, I understand that my slot may be given to another student.

_____ I have read Ms. Nordan's handbook section about off-campus activities, and I agree to her written policies about participation in this event.

_____ I understand that all District Honor Choir students are expected to maintain an average of 90 or higher in Chorus. Students who do not complete their assignments in class will be asked to step down from participation in District Honor Choir.

_____ I understand that if my child is selected and accepts the invitation to participate in this event, I am obligated to pay the \$35 fee associated with this Honor Choir event. If I have problems or questions regarding this payment, I will contact Ms. Nordan immediately.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____